

Utah Upland Game Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

May 15, 2007

A meeting of the Utah Upland Game Advisory Committee was held on this date.

Present:

- Justin Bingham
- Mike Bowers
- Jim Gaskill, Chair
- Randy Larsen
- Dean Mitchell, DWR Upland Game Program Coordinator
- Ernie Perkins
- Dan Potts
- Aaron Robinson
- Hal Smith
- John Staley
- Chris Udy, Secretary

Old Business:

No old business.

New Business:

- a. Conservation Organization Activity Reports:

Dan Potts (Salt Lake County Fish & Game Association) gave the committee an update on the Box Elder County guzzler construction. It is moving along well.

Ernie Perkins indicated that three guzzlers were installed last weekend in Box Elder County. The next dynamite trip is the 22nd of May.

Travis Proctor (Utah Chukar and Wildlife Foundation) The foundation installed guzzlers on Saturday. They will continue next Saturday with the project. Travis met with Kennecott officials and was a little discouraged that there might not be a lot of Chukar's in the area. Jim suspects they could find a few Chukars in Big Canyon. Travis will pursue that option.

John Staley (North American Versatile Hunting Dog Association) Reported that the organization will hold fall tests on the 2nd Saturday and Sunday of September.

- b. **2007 Chukar study:** Randy Larsen made an excellent presentation. He outlined project goals for the Chukar study, then underlined the value of water to upland game.
- c. **Dean Mitchell (UDWR):** Dean brought to our attention some Upland Game Hunting Guide Proclamation Review Topics.
 - 1. Chukar season opening and closing dates (10/1-2/15).
 - i. Make dates consistent statewide.
 - 2. Sharp-tailed Grouse hunt in Cache County.

3. Years hunting guide is in effect (3 yrs, 5yrs).
4. Hunter/hunt ethics, info and education in hunting guide.
5. Restrictions on parking/hunting within certain distances of guzzlers/water sources.
6. Gambel's Quail season extension.
7. Forest Grouse season opener earlier.

Agenda Items Proposed For Next Meeting:

- 1. Activity Reports**
- 2. Upland Game Hunting Guide Review**

Our next meeting will be held on July 10, 2007 at the DWR State offices at 1594 W. North Temple, Salt Lake City.

Everyone is invited to attend these meetings; it's an opportunity for you to get any issues you know about onto the table.

Let us know of donations, projects, etc., made by your group, we want to publicize good activities!

If you know of other interested parties who should get copies of the minutes and who are involved in upland game organizations or programs, please get us their name. If you want to make an electronic mail input, please send it to one of the following:

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Respectfully submitted,

Chris Udy
Secretary

Upland Game on the Internet:

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